

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are presently pending. Claims 1-15 were rejected. Claims 16-18 are added. Reconsideration in view of the foregoing added claims and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 6, and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious from the combination of Oh and Quatieri. Claims 1, 6, and 11 recite, among other limitations “skipping frames at a rate according to a desired playback speed”. Examiner has indicated that Oh discloses “skipping frames at a rate according to a desired playback speed (Col. 5, lines 60-65, doubling the audio play-back speed is achieved by selecting every other frame)”. Office Action (OA) at 2.

Oh, Col. 5, Lines 60-65 discloses:

On the other hand, a doubling of the audio play-back speed is achieved by selecting every other speech source while still maintaining the interval of neighboring speech sources and re-synthesizing the selected speech sources using the audio characteristic.

(Emphasis Added).

Assignee respectfully submits that “skipping frames” does not read on “selecting every other speech source”. It is further noted that the speech components are extracted on the basis described in Col. 2, Line 28 – Col. 3, Line 5.

Moreover, while “skipping frames” does not read on “selecting every other speech source”, Oh clearly does not teach “skipping frames at a rate according to a desired playback speed, wherein the frames correspond to time intervals” as recited by


claims 16-18. It is submitted that the “speech source” are defined as described in Oh, Col. 2, Line 28 – Col. 3, Line 5, but clearly the “speech source” do not “correspond to time intervals”. Accordingly, it is submitted that claims 16-18 should be allowed notwithstanding claims 1, 6, and 11.

CONCLUSION

For at least the foregoing reasons, Assignee respectfully submits that each of the pending claims are in a condition for allowance and Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this case to issuance. To the extent that any fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fee to deposit account no. 13-0017.

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